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Coast Guard Women Celebrate Anniversary

November marks the 32nd anniversary of women in the Coast Guard. Public Law 773 enacted on 23 November 1942 established the Women's Reserve as an integral component of the Coast Guard.

More than 12,000 women have served with distinction on active and inactive duty since that date more than 30 years ago.

Coast Guard women have come a long way in the past two years as Officer Candidate School at Yorktown and Cape May's boot camp have been opened to women.

June 1973 saw the first women to graduate from OCS of any military service since World War II.

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The Commandant, ADM O. W. SILER, and CAPT Martha J. HARRIS, senior Coast Guard woman, cut the SPAR anniversary cake in a November ceremony at Headquarters commemorating the 32nd Birthday of women in the Coast Guard. CAPT Dorothy J. GLEASON, recently appointed Reserve Staff Advisor for inactive duty women reservists, looks on.

THE ADMIRAL'S CORNER



The following letter from the Commandant has been sent out to all Coast Guard officers serving on active duty. Admiral SILER is most interested in receiving suggestions from officers in the Selected Reserve and has asked that the "Reservist" be used as a medium for soliciting responses. Your suggestions and recommendations should be sent according to the instructions outlined in the body of the letter.

J. E. Johann



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20590

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Dear Fellow Officer:

Today's Coast Guard is a complex organization of more than forty thousand people who perform a wide variety of missions. In managing such an organization it is inevitable that some sound ideas, especially from the junior and middle grade officer levels, fail to reach a point in the organization where service-wide action can be taken on them. The loss of these valuable ideas is of great personal concern to me, and I am using this letter as a medium to voice this concern to you and ask for your assistance. Please do not take this as a directive to submit a statement to me; this is a voluntary program.

I am not soliciting grievances; there presently exists a method to resolve these. What I am asking for are your ideas and recommendations for improving our great service. Your letter will be acknowledged only; however, from time to time the actions taken to adopt recommendations received will be published in the Commandant's Bulletin, the Alumni Bulletin, or other suitable forum. Your response should be sent to me direct. I assure you each District Commander is aware of, and supports this endeavor, and although I am mindful that it does appear to short cut the chain of command, all significant ideas received by me will be thoroughly evaluated to determine their worth to the Service-at-large prior to adoption.

I look forward to receiving your constructive ideas. Please address them to the Commandant (G-C/SC/84).

Warm regards,

O. W. Siler

O. W. SILER
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard

Cincinnati Reservists Assist Spill Clean-up on Ohio River

Coast Guard Reserve Unit Cincinnati (Ohio) assisted Captain of the Port Cincinnati during an Ohio River sulfuric acid spill in May and received a Letter of Appreciation from CDR R.T. SOMMER, USCG, Captain of the Port for their efforts.

A downbound tow consisting of eight barges struck a highway construction bridge in the fastmoving current of the Ohio River at Cincinnati on 22 May 1974. A DuPont barge containing 160,000 gallons of sulfuric acid was ripped open and sank in 26 feet of water. The other barges, two of which were damaged, did not sink.

The river and bridge were temporarily closed to traffic to assess the potential hazards of the incident. COTP Cincinnati requested assistance from CGRU Cincinnati to control river traffic and provide logistic and communication support to the on-scene commander.

During the salvage operation from 23 May to 10 June, the river's main channel was blocked and traffic was restricted to a single vessel passage.

Reservists on Active Duty for Training at the COTP assisted in the initial investigation immediately following the collision. MK1 Thomas SHUEY, MK1 William KEININGER, BM3 Michael FISH, ET1 John SAMPLE, and BMC James BOND maintained a log of events during the investigation and the salvage operations that followed.

COSTELLO Earns Commendation Medal

Commander James R. COSTELLO, USCGR has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal by acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs) Raymond S.WEBSTER for "exceptionally meritorious service and achievement while serving with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) during the period August 1973 to May 1974."

CDR COSTELLO is the Coast Guard Liaison Officer and Assistant Director for Reserve Manpower, Personnel and Training. He was formerly Chief of the Reserve Division in the Thirteenth Coast Guard District before coming to Washington in 1973.

The citation accompanying the award signed by Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. CLEMENTS, Jr. included the following.

"As a result of his understanding and comprehensive knowledge of Reserve problems and programs, he contributed to the development of

They also set up radio communications with vessels downriver.

A reserve patrol was deployed to keep vessels out of the area, reduce pleasure craft wake, and enforce closure of the river when necessary. The patrol continued until the barge was raised on 10 June.

LT Dale KLOSTERMAN and CW04

Retro Pay Information

Several inquiries on retroactive pay have been received from reservists who served on active duty during the period 1 October through 31 December 1972.

Executive Order 11778 of April 1974 authorized pay for a retroactive increase for military personnel in a pay status during the period 1 October-31 December 1972.

Retroactive pay for drills performed during this period was included in drill pay checks issued on the July and August 1974 payrolls.

Retroactive pay for Active Duty for Training performed during the same three months in 1972 will be made in the near future. A firm date has not been set as yet.

Reserve (and Regular) personnel then on active duty, but now

Arthur E. RADIN directed barge traffic in the salvage area from the contractor's boat.

In his July letter of appreciation CDR SOMMER extended a hearty "well done!" to the personnel of CGRU Cincinnati, noting that they had provided "badly needed assistance and were instrumental in helping to bring the incident to a safe conclusion."

in a different status - transferred to inactive duty, commissioned, discharged - must submit a claim for retroactive pay.

To ensure prompt receipt of retroactive pay for active duty when issue is begun, eligible members or former members should make a letter claim to:

Commandant (G-FPA-2/71)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
Washington, D.C.
20590

The claim should include the following information:

- Dates served on active duty during the retroactive pay period and request pay for those dates.

- Social security number and discharge date or date of transfer from active duty.

- Address where check should be mailed. If the address changes before payment, provide suitable notification.

- Signature.

The target date to begin payment of active duty claims is 1 December 1974.

KRAFT Award to YEAKLE

First Class Quartermaster Joseph W. YEAKLE, USCGR of Towson, Maryland has been named winner of the LCDR Paul C. KRAFT Award as the outstanding Coast Guard Reserve petty officer in the Baltimore area.

QM1 YEAKLE, a member of CGRU Baltimore IV, has served six years in the Reserve, augmenting Coast Guard Cutter CHINOOK at Curtis Bay, Maryland. Previously he had served in the Navy for four years during World War II in aviation ordnance.

The annual award is presented in memory of LCDR KRAFT who died while serving as Commanding Officer of a Baltimore Reserve unit.

Department of Defense policies in the area of manpower utilization and personnel planning which enhanced the implementation of the Total Force Policy in all the Armed Services.

"He significantly improved relations between the Departments of Defense and Transportation in the area of Reserve Affairs and helped all parties to gain a clearer understanding of objectives. He consistently demonstrated exceptional ability to reduce a multiplicity of facts into concise and credible narrative presentations which assisted his superiors in making and obtaining key national security decisions.

"His service was characterized by a sincere interest in the total national security picture with no parochial reservations, either of branch of Service or component of Service. Commander Costello's exemplary performance of duty has reflected great credit upon himself, the Coast Guard Reserve, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense."

Assistant Defense Secretary Tours Training Center

Mr. Raymond S. WEBSTER, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), recently toured the recruit training facilities at the Coast Guard Training Center, Alameda, California. The purpose of the visit was to become better acquainted with the Pacific Area Reserve Training Schools (PARTS) and the New RK program for reservists.

Accompanying Mr. WEBSTER were CAPT Eleanor L'ECUYER, USCGR, Chief, Twelfth Coast Guard District Reserve Division; CDR John M. WYPICK, USCG, TRACEN's Training Officer; LCDR Donald R. CASEY, USCG Recruit Training Officer at Alameda; and Mr. WEBSTER's aide Lt. Col. John L. LEE, USAFR.

The RK program, instituted last summer, is aimed at high school and college students and features initial Active Duty for Training split between two summers. It is designed to make it possible for high school juniors and above to enlist in the Coast Guard Reserve while still com-



Accompanying Mr. Webster (center) on the Alameda tour were (l to r) CDR John M. WYPICK, USCG, TRACEN Training Officer; CAPT Eleanor L'ECUYER, USCGR, Chief, Twelfth District Reserve Division; Lt. Col. John L. LEE, USAFR, Aide to Mr. Webster; and LCDR Donald R. CASEY, USCG, Alameda Recruit Training Officer.

pleting their education. RK reservists from the western half of the United States receive their first summer of initial training at TRACEN Alameda.

Eleventh District Wins Waesche

The Eleventh Coast Guard District has won the Admiral Russell R. Waesche Award as the district with the most outstanding Reserve accomplishments for Fiscal Year 1974.

The Eleventh District compiled 116.3 total points in the five categories that comprise the award criteria. The Fourteenth District, with 111.7 points, placed second among the eleven districts competing.

Districts are evaluated in the following five areas, weighed according to the importance of the category in determining the winner:

augmentation (25%); readiness, servicewide examinations, and reenlistments (20% each); and correspondence course completion (15%).

The Coast Guard Affairs Committee of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) sponsors the annual award honoring the contributions of Admiral WAESCHE to the Regular and Reserve components of the Coast Guard.

The 1974 Award was presented to the Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District in a ceremony in Long Beach, CA on 22 November 1974.

VALIANT Augmentation

Eighteen Coast Guard reservists recently augmented Coast Guard Cutter VALIANT (WMEC 621) after a 66-foot Cuban vessel was seized for fishing in the prohibited zone off Matagorda Peninsula in Texas.

VALIANT, working with National Marine Fisheries Agents, seized the Cuban trawler E-39-SA, towed her to Coast Guard Base Galveston, and set up a security watch.

Several days later it became apparent that the crew of VALIANT was unable to fulfill Foreign Fishing Vessel Security Watch requirements in addition to continuing routine shipboard duties and maintaining mandatory BRAVO-2 status.

Reservists from units in San Antonio and Houston were ordered to Special Active Duty for Training (SADT) to relieve VALIANT personnel. The reservists remained on SADT for 16 days instead of the original 6 days anticipated.

Spanish-speaking reservists served as interpreters between the nine-member Cuban crew and CDR L.E. TELFER, Commanding Officer of VALIANT. Reserve-provided support equipment enabled beach patrols and other tactical security operations to be set up. The augmenting reservists maintained security in restricted beach and water areas.

This example of Reserve augmentation of Regular Coast Guard forces illustrates the "One Coast Guard" policy in action.



CGC VALIANT tied up at Coast Guard Base Galveston (Tex) with Cuban fishing vessel moored alongside.

In Memorium

BM1 SUTTON Only SPAR Boatswain's Mate

Boatswain's Mate First Class Barbara SUTTON, USCGR, the only woman, Coast Guard or Navy, active or inactive, to hold the First Class Boatswain's Mate rating during the past 25 years, died of cancer in San Francisco on 24 October after a brief illness.

BM1 SUTTON was the first woman to wear the coveted Coxswain's insignia.

During her 24 years in the Coast Guard Reserve Petty Officer Sutton served on both the East and West Coast. Her most recent active duty assignment was advisor at Reserve Training Center, Yorktown (VA) where a new Coast Guard women's program was established.

She spent three years as a welder with Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach

(CA) prior to entering the Coast Guard in World War II. In civilian life she was employed as an investigator by the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms section of the Department of the Treasury.

Funeral services with full military honors, were held 29 October at the Navy Chapel on Treasure Island (CA). VADM J.J. McCLELLAND, USCG, Commander, Pacific Area and Twelfth Coast Guard District, lead the contingent of Coast Guard personnel paying final respects.

We Need Help!

The RESERVIST depends on field-supplied articles and photographs to keep reservists up to date on what is happening in the Coast Guard.

We can't provide information on many of the Reserve activities unless you give us the details. Reserve augmentation on an East Coast oil spill or an Eleventh District boating accident may never be publicized unless a unit or an individual makes a contribution.

Much of the information sent to the RESERVIST -- individual awards, unique augmentation, special events -- is also printed in other publications. The Alumni Bulletin and The Commandant's Bulletin are two publications constantly looking for and using Reserve news items.

To do our job right we need help from you. Send us detailed articles and clear photographs of what you are doing. We will make sure that others get the word.

Women, from page 1

Public Law 93-174 of 5 December 1973 abolished the Women's Reserve as a separate component of the Coast Guard. This change placed men and women in one Reserve component and also opened the way for women to join the Regular Coast Guard.

As of 30 September 1974 there were 1207 women in the Regular and Reserve components of the Coast Guard - 66 officers and 1141 enlisted personnel. 22 officers are serving on active duty and 11 more are in a drilling status in the Reserve. Enlisted women include 213 Regulars and 20 reservists on extended active duty. 750 of more than 900 inactive duty enlisted reservists are in a drilling status.

Congratulations on your 32nd anniversary and best wishes for continued success in the future!

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